PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain
It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Melastoma orientale Guillaumin

GENUS *Melastoma* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2 m tall. The branches are 4 sided and covered with flattened bristles. The leaves are sword shaped and 4-9 cm long by 1-3.5 cm wide. The base is rounded and it tapers to the tip. The flowers occur singly at the ends of the branches or in the axils of the leaves. The flowers have 5 parts. The petals are purple. The fruit are round and 4-7 mm across. They are dark blue.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be sown by seed.

REFERENCES

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